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Identical letters dated 2 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to inform you of the serious, destabilizing action committed by the Syrian regime's armed forces on Thursday, 29 November, at approximately 2230 hours, in the areas of south-western Syria and northern Israel. The Syrian regime's armed forces indiscriminately and abruptly fired a barrage of anti-aircraft missiles across a range of at least 60 kilometres, endangering Israeli civilians, the people of Syria and United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) personnel.

This attack, in addition to being in clear violation of Israel's sovereignty, was particularly dangerous for the UNDOF personnel based in the area of Kiswah, south of Damascus, requiring them to take cover.

On Friday, 30 November, Israel located remnants of the Syrian regime's anti-aircraft missiles from this attack in areas populated by civilians in the Golan Heights, including areas adjacent to the Druze village of Mas'ada and Kibbutz El-Rum.

Israel reported this incident to the relevant parties and made a clear statement affirming that Israel did not attack Syria.

This event underlines, yet again, the irresponsible manner in which the Syrian regime's military operates, particularly with regard to the use of anti-aircraft missiles. We have witnessed the ongoing recklessness of the Syrian regime's use of anti-aircraft missiles against Lebanon, Jordan and Israel.

Israel calls on the Security Council to condemn and put an immediate end to these military activities by the Syrian regime, specifically the firing of anti-aircraft missiles, endangering, inter alia, the people of Israel, Jordan and Lebanon, civilian flight paths and international forces stabilizing the region, including UNDOF. We also call on the Security Council to urgently address the ongoing and destabilizing presence of Iran in Syria and in the region. We trust that this event will be reflected in the discussion at the Security Council.

Israel reserves the right to protect its citizens from the growing threat of the Iranian presence in the region and will not tolerate any use of Syria as a launching pad for attacks that threaten the lives of innocent Israelis.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Danny Danon
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